IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

PIETRO PETRINI et al Group Art Unit: 3733

Serial No.: 10/568,415 Examiner: J. Merene

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For: INTERLAMINAR VERTIBRAL PROSTHESIS

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136

Honorable Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Petition is herein made under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 for an extension of time for three months for response to the Office Action of January 4, 2010.

The appropriate fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 is paid herewith by credit card. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the credit card account used. Refund of all amounts overpaid, including those of twenty-five dollars of less, is specifically requested. Any fees not accepted by the credit card account used may be charged to Deposit Account No. 04-0753.

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